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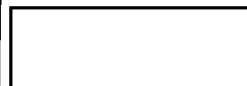
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## NORTH KOREAN EMERGENCY RECOVERY HIGHWAY AIRSTRIPS

Since [ ] the North Koreans have been building emergency recovery airstrips along road segments near certain major North Korean Air Force (NKAF) fields (Figure 1).

[ ] two such fields have been completed, at Chasan (Figure 2) and at Sunan-Up. Photography [ ] revealed a third highway airstrip under construction near Saamcham Airfield. Similar to the older strips, the one at Saamcham consists of a widened segment of highway which will form a 5,300- by 70-foot, packed-earth runway.

Since all of these highway airstrips are in the vicinity of major NKAF fields, and since the North Koreans seem to be increasing their concern with force survivability [ ]

[ ] it seems reasonable to assume that these highway strips are designed for the emergency recovery of aircraft in the event the nearby major field is rendered unserviceable.

If this hypothesis is correct, then it would also seem reasonable to expect additional highway airstrips to appear in the future. At present, the most likely areas for future highway strips are around Namsi, Hwangju, Wonsan, and Sondong-ni Airfields.

<u>Recovery Strip</u>	<u>Dimensions (ft)</u>	<u>Associated Airfield</u>
Chasan Airfield	8,635 x 95	Pukchang-ni/Pyong-ni
Sunan-Up Highway Airstrip	7,050 x 70	Sunan-Up
Saamcham Highway Airstrip	5,300 x 70 (Under Construction)	Saamcham

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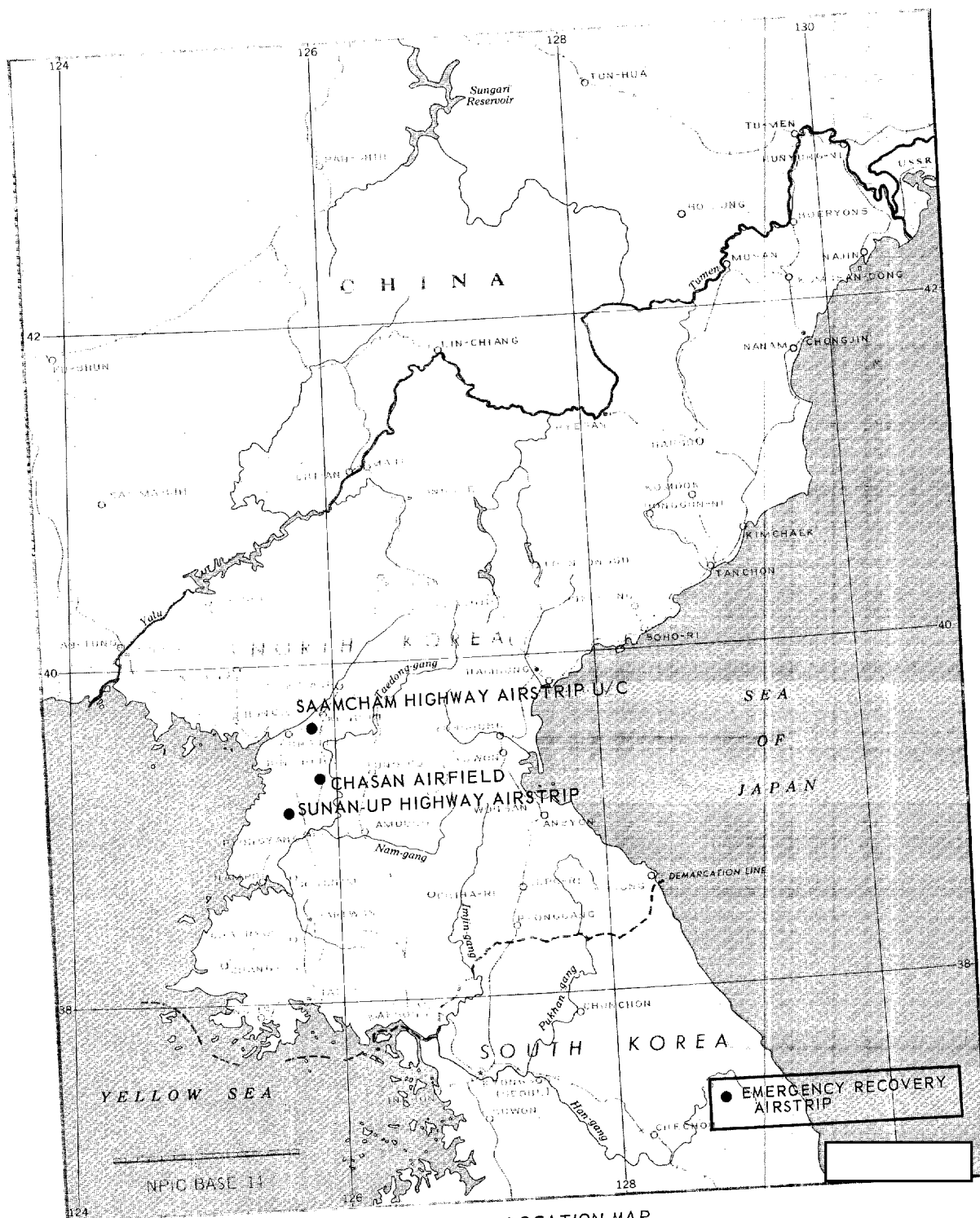


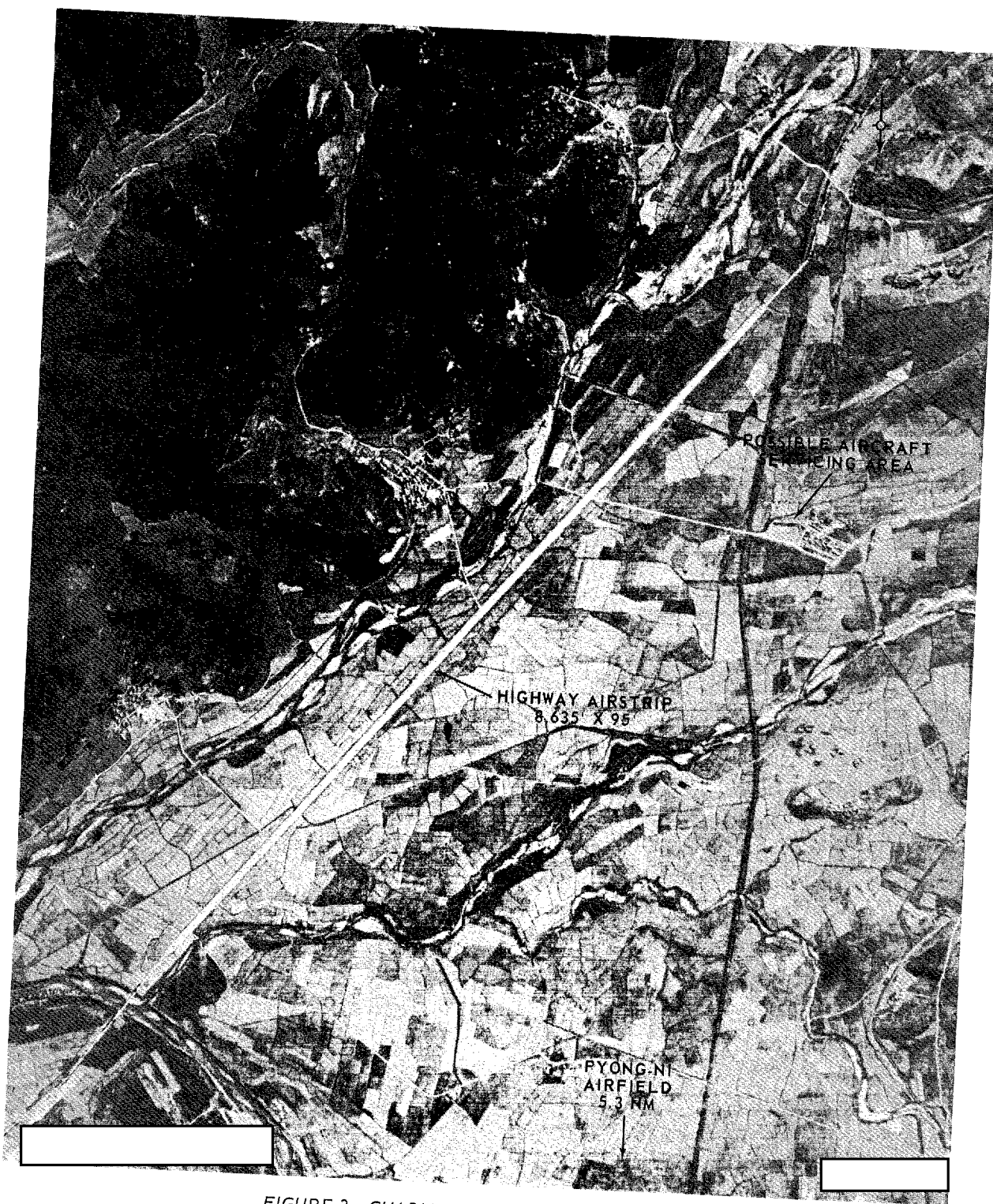
FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP.

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FIGURE 2. CHASAN AIRFIELD, NORTH KOREA.

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